

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 13-14, 16-19 and 21-22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the Amendment reduces the number of claims and simplifies the issues on appeal.

An appeal brief is being simultaneously filed with respect to claims 1-12. The Appeal Brief contains arguments explaining how claims 1-12 define patentable subject matter over the applied references.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David C. Oren**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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